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PART I.

THE LAMENTATION OF THE *ISRAELITES* FOR THE Death of JOSEPH.

THE Sons of Iſrael do mourn, and they are in Bitterneſs.

All the People ſigh and hang down their Heads to the Ground.

How is the mighty fallen! He that was great among the Princes, and Ruler of the Provinces.

When the Ear heard him, then it bleſſed him; and when the Eye ſaw him, it gave witneſs to him.

How is the mighty fallen!

He delivered the poor that cried, the fatherleſs, and him that had none to help him.

Kindneſs, Meekneſs, and Comfort were in his Tongue.

If there was any Virtue, and if there was any Praiſe, he thought on thoſe Things.

The righteous ſhall be had in everlaſting Remembrance: their Bodies are buried in Peace, but their Name liveth evermore.

The merciful Goodneſs of the Lord endureth for ever, on them that fear him; and his Righteouſneſs on Children's Children.

PART

PART II.

RECIT.

NOW there aroſe a new King over Egypt which knew not Joſeph.

And he ſet over them Task-Maſters, to afflict them with Burdens: and they made them ſerve with Rigour:

And the Children of Iſrael ſigh'd, by reaſon of the Bondage, and their Cry came up unto God.

Then ſent he Moſes his Servant, and Aaron whom he had choſen.

Theſe ſhewed his Signs among them, and Wonders, in the Land of Ham.

He turned their Waters into Blood.

CHORUS.

They loathed to drink of the River.

AIR.

Their Land brought forth Frogs, yea, even in their Kings Chambers.

He gave their Cattle over to the Peſtilence.

Blotches, and Blains broke forth on Man and Beaſt.

CHORUS.

He ſpake the Word; and there came all manner of Flies, and Lice in all their Quarters.

He ſpake; and the Locuſt came without Number, and devour'd the Fruit of the Ground.

He gave them Hailſtones for Rain; Fire mingled with the Hail, ran along upon the Ground.

He ſent a thick Darkneſs over all the Land; even Darkneſs which might be felt.

AIR.

Total Eclipſe! No Sun, no Moon,
All dark amidſt the Blaze of Noon:
O Glorious Light! No chearing Ray
To glad my Eyes with welcome Day.
Why thus depriv'd thy prime Decree!
Sun, Moon and Stars are dark to me.

CHORUS.

He ſmote all the Firſt-born of Egypt, the Chief of all their Strength.

But as for his People, he led them forth like Sheep, he brought them out with Silver and Gold, there was not one feeble Perſon among their Tribes.

He rebuked the Red-Sea, and it was dried up. He led them through the Deep as through a Wilderneſs;

But the Waters overwhelmed their Enemies, there was none of them left.

And Iſrael ſaw that great Work that the Lord did upon the Egyptians, and the People feared the Lord, and his Servant Moſes.

PART III.

CHORUS.

MOSES and the Children of Iſrael ſang this Song unto the Lord; and ſpake, ſaying

I will ſing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed glorioufly.

The Horſe and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea.

DUETT.

The Lord is my Strength and my Song; he is become my Salvation.

CHORUS.

He is my God, and I will prepare him an Habitation; my Father's God, and I will exalt him.

DUETT.

The Lord is a Man of War; Lord is his Name.

Pharaoh's Chariots and his Hoſt hath he caſt into the Sea; his choſen Captains alſo are drowned in the Red-Sea.

CHORUS.

The Depths have covered them, they ſank into the Bottom as a Stone.

Thy Right-hand, O Lord, is become glorious in Power, thy Right-hand, O Lord, hath daſhed in Pieces the Enemy, and in the Greatneſs of thine Excellency haſt overthrown them that roſe up againſt thee; and with the Blaſt of thy Noſtrils the Waters were gathered together, the Floods ſtood upright as an Heap, and the Depths were congealed in the Heart of the Sea.

AIR.

The Enemy ſaid; I will purſue, I will overtake, I will divide the Spoil, my Luſt ſhall be ſatisfied upon them.

I will draw my Sword, my Hand ſhall deſtroy them.

AIR.

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Thou didſt blow with the Wind, the Sea covered them, they ſank as Lead in the mighty Waters.

CHORUS.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, amongſt the Gods? Who is like thee? Glorious in Holineſs, fearful in Praiſes, doing Wonders.

DUETT.

Thou in thy Mercy haſt led forth thy People, which thou haſt redeemed.

Thou haſt guided them in thy Strength unto thy holy Habitation.

AIR.

Thou ſhalt bring them in, and plant them in the Mountain of thine Inheritance; in the Place, O Lord, which thou haſt made for thee to dwell in; in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy Hands have eſtabliſhed.

CHORUS.

CHORUS.

The Lord ſhall reign for ever and ever.

RECIT.

For the Horſe of Pharaoh went in with his Chariots, and with his Horſe-men into the Sea, and the Lord brought again the Waters of the Sea upon them; but the Children of Iſrael went on dry Land in the Midſt of the Sea.

CHORUS.

The Lord ſhall reign for ever and ever.

RECIT.

And Miriam the Propheteſs, the Siſter of Aaron took a Timbrel in her Hand, and all the Women went out after her with Timbrels and with Dances, and Miriam anſwered them.

Alternative and Grand CHORUS.

SOLO.

Sing ye to the Lord for he hath triumphed glorioufly.

CHORUS.

The Lord ſhall reign for ever and ever.

SOLO.

The Horſe and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea.

CHORUS.

The Lord ſhall reign for ever and ever, for he hath triumphed glorioufly; the Horſe and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea.

I will ſing unto the Lord, he hath triumphed glorioufly, the Horſe and his Rider hath he thrown into the Sea.

FINIS.